

### Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

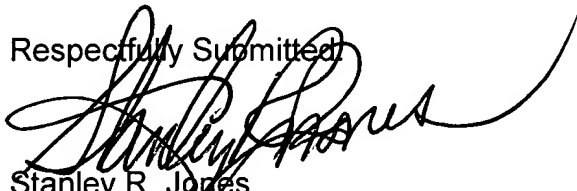
The prior art does not show or suggest a novel combination invention that results in a minimum fluid dynamic base drag on a bluff body in a moving fluid by the use of vortex generators mounted on the bluff body, used in combination with shortened boattail plates, sized and positioned so the rear edges of the boattail plates intercept the separated shear surfaces created by the moving fluid.

3. The Applicants address has been incorrectly used in the past and is incorrect on the Form. Applicant's correct address is:

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This paper is being submitted along with the payment of the Issue Fee based on a small entity.

Respectfully Submitted,



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